TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1983 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES REVISED

The civilian labor force estimates and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1982 which appear in this issue have been revised and are not comparable to prior estimates published for 1982. Similar estimates for 1981 are also being revised as well as civilian labor force estimates for 1980.

The current estimates utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Tabulations of revised data for the above periods may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	109,779.0	110,477.0	108,014.0
Unemployment	12,517.0	11,628.0	10,183.0
Percent Unemployed	11.4	10.5	9.4
Total Employment	97,262.0	98,849.0	97,831.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	110,549.0	111,129.0	109,034.0
Unemployment	11,446.0	12,036.0	9,346.0
Percent Unemployed	10.4	10.8	8.6
Total Employment	99,103.0	99,093.0	99,688.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,589.1	7,495.4	7,169.3
Unemployment	645.7	556.9	426.1
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.4	5.9
Total Employment	6,943.4	6,938.5	6,743.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,616.0	7,527.0	7,193.0
Unemployment	623.0	601.0	403.0
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.0	5.6
Total Employment	6,993.0	6,926.0	6,790.0

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE AT RECORD LEVEL

The Texas civilian labor force reached an all time high at mid-January as it rose by over 90,000 from the mid-December estimate. The labor force surged upward on a rather large increase in the number of unemployed individuals. Total unemployment in the State rose by 88,800 persons from the December level and was 219,600 above the year ago total.

Seasonal influences were primarily responsible for the jump in unemployment over the month. A large number of workers were released by retail trade establishments following the end of the Christmas shopping season. Retail trade, however, was not the only segment to report a loss as several other segments were also down. The seasonal jump was not unusual, the unusual aspect was that the State had a rate as high as 7.4 percent in December before the seasonal change occurred. The problems which led to the State's high level of unemployment are varied and are well known by now. The year 1982 was an unusual one for the Texas economy and the oil glut, soaring interest rates, and the peso devaluation in Mexico have all taken their toll on the State's employment situation.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	60,300	60,200	60,800	78,400	79,050	74,900	268,600	272,750	261,550
Manufacturing	6,750	6,850	6,000	10,600	10,450	10,200	33,300	33,400	33,000
Mining	4,950	4,950	6,150	2,250	2,250	2,200	850	850	850
Construction	3,400	3,350	3,250	3,200	3,150	3,500	14,750	14,900	14,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,600	7,850	7,800	8,050
Trade	15,700	15,800	16,650	24,200	24,950	21,950	61,100	62,700	59,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,050	2,900	4,050	4,100	3,900	17,100	17,550	16,150
Services & Misc.	13,750	13,600	13,450	14,700	14,750	13,950	53,350	53,450	50,400
Government	9,450	9,350	9,200	12,900	12,900	12,600	80,300	82,100	80,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	146,550	147,100	155,500	58,250	58,100	65,700	42,050	43,900	41,300
Manufacturing	34,200	34,450	41,900	8,900	8,900	12,100	3,050	2,950	3,400
Mining	2,400	2,400	2,750	100	100	150	1,600	1,600	1,950
Construction	10,750	11,050	12,150	3,450	3,400	4,400	2,700	2,700	2,650
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,550	12,500	12,400	3,450	3,450	3,650	2,000	1,950	1,850
Trade	34,050	34,250	34,250	16,850	16,850	19,300	8,950	9,200	8,850
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,750	5,750	5,650	2,950	2,900	2,950	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	26,350	26,100	26,350	10,250	10,250	10,350	5,950	6,000	5,650
Government	20,500	20,600	20,050	12,300	12,250	12,800	16,000	17,700	15,350
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[2]			EL PASO		
TOTAL	133,200	133,500	136,150	1,531.3	1,549.4	1,513.2	162,900	165,100	170,400
Manufacturing	14,700	14,750	16,300	307.0	307.2	324.8	36,650	37,450	40,700
Mining	9,150	9,200	9,750	32.9	32.8	31.7	--	--	--
Construction	12,300	12,400	12,550	81.2	83.2	78.1	7,550	7,900	8,250
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,650	7,600	7,850	96.3	97.3	99.4	10,450	10,550	10,750
Trade	32,050	32,150	33,200	417.1	427.7	406.7	40,350	40,650	42,550
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,450	6,350	6,350	116.8	117.3	113.2	7,700	7,700	7,600
Services & Misc.	24,450	24,650	24,250	301.2	301.3	281.1	26,950	27,400	27,000
Government	26,450	26,400	25,900	178.8	182.6	178.2	33,250	33,450	33,550
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[2]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,200	68,750	69,850	1,561.0	1,570.3	1,619.6	59,950	60,500	58,550
Manufacturing	11,000	11,150	11,850	236.8	238.8	273.7	7,800	7,750	8,150
Mining	850	850	850	102.1	102.6	116.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,650	4,650	5,350	140.2	141.8	145.4	3,050	3,050	2,850
Trans., Comm., & Util.	6,350	6,300	6,400	108.1	108.4	112.6	3,250	3,200	3,250
Trade	12,650	13,100	13,100	376.9	381.5	385.4	13,500	13,950	13,450
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,550	100.0	100.1	96.7	2,300	2,250	2,200
Services & Misc.	10,100	10,050	10,200	318.8	319.4	317.2	11,050	11,150	10,550
Government	18,100	18,150	17,550	178.1	177.7	171.9	19,000	19,150	18,100

[2] In thousands.

Along with the high unemployment comes a high unemployment rate and the Statewide rate for January was a whopper. The January rate was 8.5 percent and it was the highest rate yet recorded in the current historical series which dates back to 1970. The actual unemployment rate for Texas in December was 7.4 percent and in January 1982 it was 5.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate for the State was 8.2 percent in January, up only slightly from December's rate of 8.0 percent. The National unemployment rate for January was 11.4 percent unadjusted and 10.4 percent seasonally adjusted.

Every one of the major metropolitan areas in the State experienced a larger unemployment rate in January compared to December. Laredo again recorded the highest rate among the areas at 27.3 percent. McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg posted a 20.5 percent rate and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito was at 17.7 percent. The lowest rate among the areas was 4.2 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin followed at 4.7 percent and Abilene and San Angelo were both at 5.0 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SHARPLY

A rather sizeable decrease was noted in wage and salary employment from December to January. The losses were widespread, although retail trade did absorb the bulk of the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/]
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Industry	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,450	31,050	37,500	67,800	68,450	71,700	88,450	90,250	89,150
Manufacturing	1,750	1,800	2,400	16,550	16,550	19,250	11,250	11,400	11,850
Mining	1,350	1,350	1,600	4,450	4,450	5,100	650	650	600
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,800	4,400	4,650	4,700	3,950	4,150	3,450
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,250	3,250	4,200	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,700	4,850	5,250
Trade	9,600	10,150	14,050	17,100	17,400	17,500	26,000	26,350	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,750	2,600	5,100	5,100	4,800
Services & Misc.	4,950	5,000	5,150	11,000	11,150	11,250	16,900	16,900	17,400
Government	6,650	6,600	6,900	7,700	7,700	7,500	19,900	20,850	19,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	79,300	79,300	83,150	52,000	51,550	53,650	55,000	56,000	64,350
Manufacturing	8,700	8,900	10,700	4,150	4,150	4,800	6,800	6,900	10,050
Mining	1,650	1,700	2,000	13,850	13,400	14,600	8,300	7,950	10,000
Construction	5,650	5,700	5,900	4,200	4,250	4,200	5,150	5,250	6,050
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,750	3,050	3,000	2,950	3,000	3,050	3,300
Trade	26,150	26,200	28,800	10,800	10,950	11,700	15,150	15,650	17,950
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,050	3,050	2,850	3,350	3,250	2,700	2,350	2,350	2,150
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,800	10,400	8,050	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,050	8,550
Government	21,500	21,250	19,750	4,550	4,550	4,700	6,950	6,800	6,300
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,100	36,400	36,950	420,500	422,500	417,700	33,350	33,700	35,750
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	6,400	48,600	48,800	53,100	10,700	10,750	12,350
Mining	700	700	1,200	3,200	3,200	3,300	250	250	250
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,150	27,200	27,200	25,400	1,400	1,450	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,200	18,400	18,700	2,400	2,350	2,350
Trade	8,800	9,150	8,550	107,400	109,400	106,600	6,950	7,200	7,050
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,450	1,450	1,450	28,900	28,900	28,100	1,200	1,200	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,000	90,900	90,900	87,500	5,750	5,800	6,050
Government	6,450	6,400	6,400	96,100	95,700	95,000	4,700	4,700	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,150	45,450	44,000	55,300	55,650	56,750	70,450	70,900	70,850
Manufacturing	8,250	8,400	8,350	11,000	11,050	12,800	14,600	14,050	15,700
Mining	200	200	150	3,150	3,200	4,050	--	--	--
Construction	1,950	1,950	1,550	2,400	2,450	2,200	3,300	3,400	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,150	2,200	2,200	2,700	2,750	2,600	3,400	3,450	3,400
Trade	10,850	11,150	10,250	14,750	14,800	14,450	17,600	17,900	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,100	3,050	2,900	4,400	4,500	4,450
Services & Misc.	7,350	7,350	7,400	10,800	10,950	10,700	15,550	15,850	15,650
Government	12,800	12,600	12,500	7,400	7,400	7,050	11,600	11,750	11,250
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	52,550	52,800	55,800						
Manufacturing	8,450	8,350	11,200						
Mining	3,400	3,350	4,150						
Construction	2,050	2,100	2,150						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,050	3,050	2,800						
Trade	13,350	13,650	13,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,550	2,450						
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,950	8,750						
Government	10,750	10,800	10,900						

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
** Revised.

downturn. Automotive dealers and service stations was the only retail trade industry to increase employment. Lower interest rates and aggressive sales efforts by U. S. auto makers benefitted automotive dealers. Elsewhere, however, the outlook was bleak. Apparel and accessory stores sustained the largest reduction among the retail segments, closely followed the other retail trade category and general merchandise stores. The release of temporary and part-time help also led to a substantial drop in food stores and in building materials and garden supplies. In addition to the losses in retail trade, wholesale trade was down moderately also. The decline in trade amounted to nearly 57 percent of the overall drop in wage and salary employment.

Manufacturing continued on its downward path with reductions evenly split between the durable and nondurable goods categories. Losses were spread throughout the durable goods sector, but were most notable in nonelectrical machinery, primary metal

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES[/]

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1983*	Dec. 1982**	Jan. 1982**	Change From Dec. 1982	Change From Jan. 1982
‡TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,168,700	6,219,700	6,271,700	- 51,000	-103,000
Manufacturing	999,700	1,005,900	1,107,800	- 6,200	-108,100
Durable Goods	580,000	583,100	674,500	- 3,100	- 94,500
Lumber & Wood Products	37,700	37,700	34,800	0	2,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,200	15,700	16,400	- 500	- 1,200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,700	44,000	100	800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	21,100	21,200	19,700	- 100	1,400
Primary Metal Industries	36,800	37,600	51,300	- 800	- 14,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	87,000	87,100	102,900	- 100	- 15,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,200	45,300	53,100	- 100	- 7,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	147,200	149,100	199,700	- 1,900	- 52,500
Oil Field Machinery	49,800	50,800	88,700	- 1,000	- 38,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	100,200	99,100	103,400	1,100	- 3,200
Transportation Equipment	74,200	75,000	82,700	- 800	- 8,500
Aircraft & Parts	38,900	39,100	40,500	- 200	- 1,600
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,700	25,800	- 300	- 2,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,400	13,500	100	0
Nondurable Goods	419,700	422,800	433,300	- 3,100	- 13,600
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	98,300	97,600	- 1,100	- 400
Meat Products	26,700	26,700	26,300	0	400
Dairy Products	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Bakery Products	11,000	11,200	10,900	- 200	100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,400	- 100	- 200
Textile Mill Products	5,300	5,500	5,600	- 200	- 300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	63,200	63,600	69,900	- 400	- 6,700
Paper & Allied Products	21,900	22,000	22,800	- 100	- 900
Printing & Publishing	66,300	67,300	66,500	- 1,000	- 200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	34,100	34,700	33,500	- 600	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,900	81,400	84,400	- 500	- 3,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	44,700	44,400	42,300	300	2,400
Petroleum Refining	42,100	41,700	39,300	400	2,800
Leather & Leather Products	9,100	9,300	11,300	- 200	- 2,200
Other Nondurable Goods	31,100	31,000	32,900	100	- 1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,169,000	5,213,800	5,163,900	- 44,800	5,100
Mining	296,100	297,800	324,200	- 1,700	- 28,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	286,600	288,300	313,700	- 1,700	- 27,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,500	10,500	0	- 1,000
Construction	404,700	409,100	414,700	- 4,400	- 10,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,900	377,900	389,000	0	- 11,100
Railroad Transportation	25,200	25,700	29,000	- 500	- 3,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	177,700	177,700	189,900	0	- 12,200
Transportation by Air	36,400	36,200	38,500	200	- 2,100
Communication, Exc. U.S. Postal Service	95,200	94,900	94,400	300	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	79,600	75,700	200	4,100
Electric Services	44,600	44,200	41,300	400	3,300
Gas Production & Distribution	30,200	30,400	29,500	- 200	700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,528,400	1,557,400	1,546,800	- 29,000	- 18,400
Wholesale Trade	431,500	433,500	452,000	- 2,000	- 20,500
Retail Trade	1,096,900	1,123,900	1,094,800	- 27,000	2,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	46,500	47,000	44,600	- 500	1,900
General Merchandise Stores	146,200	153,500	153,600	- 7,300	- 7,400
Food Stores	191,500	195,000	191,800	- 3,500	- 300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	123,600	122,900	126,200	700	- 2,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,300	88,700	84,400	- 8,400	- 4,100
Other Retail Trade	508,800	516,800	494,200	- 8,000	14,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	370,700	368,200	356,400	2,500	14,300
Banking	100,900	100,600	96,800	300	4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	120,100	120,000	117,800	100	2,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	149,700	147,600	141,800	2,100	7,900
Services	1,157,200	1,161,500	1,120,600	- 4,300	36,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	65,400	66,500	68,100	- 1,100	- 2,700
Personal Services	73,700	74,100	68,900	- 400	4,800
Business & Repair Services	309,500	311,100	310,200	- 1,600	- 700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	45,800	46,500	41,200	- 700	4,600
Health Services	324,200	323,800	313,000	400	11,200
Educational Services	59,900	60,000	52,400	- 100	7,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	278,700	279,500	266,800	- 800	11,900
Total Government	1,034,000	1,041,900	1,012,200	- 7,900	21,800
Total Federal Government	173,500	174,400	169,500	- 900	4,000
Total State Government	230,500	237,600	220,800	- 7,100	9,700
Total Local Government	630,000	629,900	621,900	100	8,100

/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ‡ Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor. *Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES[1/]
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	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**	Jan.'83*	Dec.'82**	Jan.'82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,350	77,850	75,950	98,400	98,000	91,150	306,050	306,650	286,750
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,500	3,150	5,750	5,450	6,600	14,250	13,550	14,700
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.5	4.1	5.8	5.6	7.2	4.7	4.4	5.1
Total Employment 2/	75,350	74,350	72,800	92,650	92,550	84,550	291,800	293,100	272,050
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	188,350	184,500	182,700	88,250	84,450	88,400	50,200	51,600	46,750
Total Unemployment	28,000	24,300	14,700	15,600	12,750	10,050	2,100	1,900	1,500
Percent Unemployed	14.9	13.2	8.0	17.7	15.1	11.4	4.2	3.7	3.2
Total Employment 2/	160,350	160,200	168,000	72,650	71,700	78,350	48,100	49,700	45,250
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH[3/]			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	168,750	165,400	159,550	1,742.1	1,730.2	1,637.7	195,900	192,800	187,150
Total Unemployment	16,100	13,650	10,150	105.5	90.8	87.7	26,000	22,050	17,150
Percent Unemployed	9.5	8.3	6.4	6.1	5.2	5.4	13.3	11.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	152,650	151,750	149,400	1,636.6	1,639.4	1,550.0	169,900	170,750	170,000
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON[3/]			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,000	91,250	86,450	1,809.5	1,779.9	1,714.6	71,450	70,700	66,550
Total Unemployment	12,900	11,350	7,400	164.4	141.0	79.6	4,550	4,000	4,150
Percent Unemployed	13.9	12.4	8.6	9.1	7.9	4.6	6.4	5.7	6.2
Total Employment 2/	80,100	79,900	79,050	1,645.1	1,638.9	1,635.0	66,900	66,700	62,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	43,150	41,250	40,900	81,500	80,400	77,400	107,300	108,000	101,950
Total Unemployment	11,800	9,800	4,500	10,200	9,150	5,250	6,150	4,850	4,400
Percent Unemployed	27.3	23.8	11.0	12.5	11.4	6.8	5.7	4.5	4.3
Total Employment 2/	31,350	31,450	36,400	71,300	71,250	72,150	101,150	103,150	97,550
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	120,000	116,300	111,750	65,350	63,600	64,200	73,000	71,600	78,050
Total Unemployment	24,650	21,250	15,650	3,650	2,900	3,600	5,950	4,850	3,550
Percent Unemployed	20.5	18.3	14.0	5.6	4.6	5.6	8.2	6.8	4.5
Total Employment 2/	95,350	95,050	96,100	61,700	60,700	60,600	67,050	66,750	74,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	47,550	47,300	46,250	483,700	475,900	456,500	40,200	39,900	40,150
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,150	2,100	32,500	27,050	27,700	4,050	3,850	3,050
Percent Unemployed	5.0	4.5	4.5	6.7	5.7	6.1	10.1	9.6	7.6
Total Employment 2/	45,150	45,150	44,150	451,200	448,850	428,800	36,150	36,050	37,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,550	51,400	48,600	75,050	73,850	73,900	85,550	85,250	81,600
Total Unemployment	5,400	4,900	4,850	5,450	4,550	6,050	5,800	5,600	4,800
Percent Unemployed	10.3	9.5	10.0	7.3	6.2	8.2	6.8	6.6	5.9
Total Employment 2/	47,150	46,500	43,750	69,600	69,300	67,850	79,750	79,650	76,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS[3/]		
Total Civilian Labor Force	67,750	66,900	66,650				7,589.1	7,495.4	7,169.3
Total Unemployment	5,400	4,800	3,350				645.7	556.9	426.1
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.2	5.0				8.5	7.4	5.9
Total Employment 2/	62,350	62,100	63,300				6,943.4	6,938.5	6,743.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983±	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING--TOTAL	$356.00	$359.16	$323.29	40.5	41.0	37.9	$8.79	$8.76	$8.53
Durable Goods	353.50	359.57	325.35	40.4	41.0	37.7	8.75	8.77	8.63
Lumber & Wood Products	238.85	237.19	191.50	38.9	39.4	31.6	6.14	6.02	6.06
Furniture & Fixtures	222.97	232.76	199.58	37.6	38.6	34.0	5.93	6.03	5.87
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	346.68	336.26	280.76	45.2	43.5	36.7	7.67	7.73	7.65
Primary Metal Industries	411.86	403.10	386.86	38.6	38.1	36.6	10.67	10.58	10.57
Fabricated Metal Products	350.27	355.02	326.37	39.4	39.8	37.6	8.89	8.92	8.68
Machinery, Exc. Electric	356.13	369.46	365.57	40.7	41.7	40.8	8.75	8.86	8.96
Oil Field Machinery	433.84	476.67	454.03	41.2	44.3	44.6	10.53	10.76	10.18
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	352.55	346.00	301.88	40.2	40.0	37.5	8.77	8.65	8.05
Transportation Equipment	479.25	499.40	382.72	42.6	44.0	36.8	11.25	11.35	10.40
Aircraft & Parts	495.76	502.85	423.54	42.3	43.2	39.0	11.72	11.64	10.86
Instr. & Related Products	284.93	311.62	249.61	37.1	39.9	36.6	7.68	7.81	6.82
Misc. Mfg. Industries	251.08	266.90	202.01	36.6	40.5	33.5	6.86	6.59	6.03
Nondurable Goods	359.79	357.06	320.95	40.7	40.9	38.3	8.84	8.73	8.38
Food & Kindred Products	312.28	305.95	287.85	42.2	42.2	40.6	7.40	7.25	7.09
Meat Products	291.45	261.87	299.44	42.3	40.6	42.9	6.89	6.45	6.98
Malt Beverages	591.55	626.84	549.70	41.6	43.5	41.3	14.22	14.41	13.31
Textile Mill Products	255.07	271.49	205.09	42.3	44.8	37.7	6.03	6.06	5.44
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	179.73	172.06	138.87	37.6	36.3	29.8	4.78	4.74	4.66
Paper & Allied Products	401.76	413.71	344.76	43.2	44.2	40.8	9.30	9.36	8.45
Printing & Publishing	309.04	322.62	290.65	37.1	39.2	37.6	8.33	8.23	7.73
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	549.78	549.44	521.90	42.0	42.2	42.5	13.09	13.02	12.28
Petroleum & Coal Products	592.35	568.38	551.09	42.8	42.8	44.3	13.84	13.28	12.44
Petroleum Refining	615.62	589.58	577.02	42.9	42.6	44.8	14.35	13.84	12.88
Leather & Leather Products	202.40	188.05	173.53	39.3	38.3	33.5	5.15	4.91	5.18
Other Nondurable Goods	338.19	361.40	285.64	41.7	43.7	38.6	8.11	8.27	7.40
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	500.24	465.23	436.70	48.1	45.3	44.2	10.40	10.27	9.88
Oil & Gas Extraction	502.73	467.17	440.00	48.2	45.4	44.4	10.43	10.29	9.91
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	433.86	415.15	349.13	45.1	43.7	39.9	9.62	9.50	8.75
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	391.93	390.53	381.10	38.5	38.4	40.2	10.18	10.17	9.48
Elec., Gas & San. Svcs.	416.58	407.38	396.15	41.7	41.4	41.7	9.99	9.84	9.50
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.47	228.01	218.40	34.1	34.6	33.6	6.70	6.59	6.50
Wholesale Trade	347.41	342.54	325.70	39.3	39.6	39.1	8.84	8.65	8.33
Retail Trade	181.44	184.43	174.27	32.0	32.7	31.4	5.67	5.64	5.55
General Mdse. Stores	171.05	172.92	138.32	31.5	33.0	28.0	5.43	5.24	4.94
Banking	238.89	231.42	213.38	38.1	38.0	37.7	6.27	6.09	5.66
HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS									
DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$348.13	$353.33	$292.94	40.2	40.8	35.9	$8.66	$8.66	$8.16
Durable Goods	363.49	372.91	306.59	39.9	40.8	35.9	9.11	9.14	8.54
Nondurable Goods	315.70	312.07	263.16	41.0	40.9	36.0	7.70	7.63	7.31
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	434.93	438.90	426.38	40.8	42.0	42.3	10.66	10.45	10.08
Durable Goods	399.17	403.19	407.35	39.6	41.1	42.3	10.08	9.81	9.63
Nondurable Goods	495.62	499.10	461.67	42.8	43.4	42.2	11.58	11.50	10.94
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	262.10	263.74	240.24	40.2	40.7	39.0	6.52	6.48	6.16
Durable Goods	286.75	280.44	257.74	41.2	41.0	38.7	6.96	6.84	6.66
Nondurable Goods	239.95	247.65	222.44	39.4	40.4	39.3	6.09	6.13	5.66

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

industries, and transportation equipment. Electric and electronic equipment posted the largest gain, with small gains experienced in stone, clay and glass products and miscellaneous manufacturing industries. The nondurable goods sector fared no better with sizeable losses in food and kindred products and printing and publishing. The only increases in nondurable goods were small upturns in petroleum and coal products and other nondurable goods.

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Mining employment continued to tumble downward with all of the decline centered in oil and gas extraction. Construction fell with losses in all sectors. Inclement weather affected construction employment in some areas of the State. Transportation and public utilities was unchanged overall from December to January. Within the industry, however, a drop in transportation was offset by gains in communication and electric, gas and sanitary services.

All segments of finance, insurance and real estate recorded employment gains, although 84 percent of the upturn occurred in real estate. An easing of interest rates sparked activity in the real estate sector. Reductions were spread throughout services with the largest cutbacks evident in business and repair services and hotels and other lodging places. A small increase was posted in health services, although it hardly made a dent in the losses absorbed throughout the remainder of services. A sizeable decrease was seen in government over the month, but the largest part of the decline was due to the semester break at state colleges and universities. Federal employment fell moderately due to the release of seasonal hires by the postal service.

MANUFACTURING HOURS DOWN, EARNINGS ADVANCE

The average number of weekly hours worked by a manufacturing production worker in Texas dropped from 41.0 in December to 40.5 in January. Average hourly earnings crept upward by three cents over the same period. The average weekly wage actually declined by $3.16, however, due to the decrease in hours worked. The total number of manufacturing production workers in the State dwindled from 722,500 in December to 716,400 in January. One year ago there were 800,300 such workers. Durable goods industries employed 423,500 production workers in January, while nondurable goods industries employed 292,900 workers.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1982
Total Population, Texas	15,433,800	14,988,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	3.1	1.3
UI Covered Employers	288,025	273,522
Total Claims Actions	878,549	376,320
Total Initial Claims Actions	93,425	57,126
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	785,124	319,194
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$131.77	$110.40
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$94,111,608	$23,825,513
Total Placements	28,646	26,766

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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